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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1-3. (cancelled)
- 4. (currently amended) A polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide selected from:
- (a) a polypeptide comprising a region of Reelin protein recognized by a monoclonal antibody to Reelin protein that binds to SEQ ID NO: 2, and containing neither a repeat site nor any portion of an N-terminal region of the Reelin protein that has homology to F-spondin domain, wherein the polypeptide is derived from a mouse Reelin polypeptide;
- (b) a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, and containing neither a repeat site nor <del>any portion of an N-terminal region of the Reelin protein that has homology to F-spondin domain; and</del>
- (c) the polypeptide of (a) or (b) comprising a deletion, substitution, or addition of one or more amino acid of the monoclonal antibody recognition region; and
- [[(d)]](c) a polypeptide encoded by a degenerative nucleic acid sequence of the polypeptides of any of (a) or (b) to (c); and

wherein the polypeptide binds to the monoclonal antibody to Reelin protein that binds to SEQ ID NO: 2.

- 5. (currently amended) A polynucleotide selected from:
- (a) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:
  1 and containing neither a nucleotide sequence encoding a repeat domain nor a
  nucleotide sequence encoding any portion of an N-terminal region of the Reelin protein

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that has homology to F-spondin domain, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide that binds to a monoclonal antibody to Reelin protein that binds to SEQ ID NO: 2;

- (b) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide capable of binding to a monoclonal antibody to Reelin protein that binds to SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the polynucleotide comprises deletion, substitution, or addition of one or more nucleotides in the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, and wherein the encoded polypeptide contains neither a repeat site nor any portion of an N-terminal region of the Reelin protein that has homology to F-spondin domain; and
- (c) a polynucleotide comprising a degenerate nucleotide sequence of the polypeptide of (a) or (b).
- 6. (original) An expression vector comprising the polynucleotide according to claim 4 or 5.
- 7. (original) A host cell transfected with the expression vector according to claim 6.
- 8. (original) A method for producing a polypeptide, which comprises culturing the host cell according to claim 7.
  - 9. (cancelled)
- 10. (original) A composition for stimulating the assembly of Reelin protein molecules, which comprises the polynucleotide according to claim 4 or 5.
- 11. (original) A pharmaceutical composition for diagnosis and/or treatment of diseases resulting from abnormally positioned neurons, which comprises the polynucleotide according to claim 4 or 5.